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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 08140

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, MARR, MASS, SP  
SUBJ: SPANISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM

REF; MADRID 07100 (DTG 231805Z JUN 78)

1. WE HAVE USED SEVERAL RECENT OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER DEFINITION BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT OF ITS PLANS WITH RESPECT TO THE MADRID AIR CONTROL CENTER (MADAC), HOPING THEREBY TO AVOID THE OBVIOUS PITFALLS OF PROCEEDING DOWN TWO SEPARATE PATHS WITH THE SPANISH MINISTRIES INVOLVED -- THAT OF THE USAF-SPANISH AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PLAN (ALREADY AGREED) AND THAT OF A SEPARATE FAA-MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A CIVILIAN CENTER NOT LINKED TO A BACK-UP SECTOR OPERATIONS CENTER (SOC) FOR COMBAT GRANDE (STILL CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDECIDED).

2. DURING A CALL MADE JULY 17 ON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER GUTIERREZ MELLADO, IN WHICH OTHER MATTERS ALSO WERE DISCUSSED, THE DCM LEARNED THAT GUTIERREZ MELLADO SIGNED LAST WEEK A LONG LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, PREPARED FOR HIM BY THE CHIEF OF

STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE, IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE INCLUSION IN MADAC OF THE BACK-UP SOC IS A MILITARY NECESSITY.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN WHETHER THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS ACCEPTS THIS LETTER AS SUFFICIENT UNDER SPANISH LEGISLATION CONCERNING AIR SPACE TO END FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PROS AND CONS OF TAKING THE MADAC PROGRAM TO FULL COMPLETION. (SEE PARA 3 OF REFTTEL FOR RECENT COMMENTS BY THE SUBSECRETARY OF CIVIL AVIATION ON THIS MATTER.) TODMAN

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